

Bible 101

Lesson 23 - The First Nine Plagues

Exodus 5-10

Exodus 5

1. What request did Moses and Aaron make of Pharaoh? What did they say would happen to the Israelites if Pharaoh would not let them go?
 2. In what ways did Pharaoh make the Israelites' situation more difficult?
 3. Who did the people blame for their increased difficulties? Who was really to blame?
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Exodus 6

1. How does God attempt to reassure the Israelites?
 2. What new message were Moses and Aaron to deliver to Pharaoh?
 3. How does Moses describe his lack of confidence in his speaking abilities?
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Exodus 7

1. What does God say He will do to Pharaoh's heart?
2. Why did the signs of Moses and Aaron fail to convince Pharaoh?

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3. How did Pharaoh respond to the first plague?

Exodus 8

1. Were the Egyptian magicians able to duplicate the second plague? Based on Pharaoh's plea in verse 8, what were the magicians unable to do?
2. Verse 15 says Pharaoh hardened his heart. What does this tell us about Pharaoh?
3. When the magicians could not duplicate the third plague, what did they conclude?
4. How did God distinguish the Israelites and the Egyptians in the fourth plague?

Exodus 9

1. In the fifth plague, Moses forecasts a specific day when it will strike. What was Moses attempting to prove by forecasting when a plague would begin or when it would end?
2. What was missing when Moses and Aaron presented themselves to Pharaoh before the sixth plague?
3. In the seventh plague, how did God distinguish between those who feared Him and those who ignored Him?

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4. Pharaoh confessed he sinned, but Moses questioned his sincerity. Moses's skepticism turned out to be true—Pharaoh hardened his heart once the storm stopped. What does Pharaoh's example teach us about habitual sin?

Exodus 10

1. Against the advice of his servants, Pharaoh refused to let all of the Israelites go. He would only release the men. Pharaoh remains concerned about being overthrown, but he fails to see that Egypt is already in ruins. What lesson(s) can we learn about sin from Pharaoh's example?
2. Pharaoh again makes a partial concession in response to plague 9. When Moses attempts to correct him, how does Pharaoh threaten Moses?